

§ 61.200 Disinfection of cargo.

When the freight manifest of a vessel lists articles which may require disinfection under the provisions of this subpart, the Chief, Occupational Health Division shall:

(a) Request veterinary assistance to inspect and disinfect them on board if the vessel is for transit only.

(b) Notify the port quarantine officer of the Government of Panama if the vessel will enter a port of Panama so that the articles can be disinfected or kept separate from other freight in the port pending appropriate disposition.

§ 61.201 Exemption for mails.

Except to the extent that mail contains any of the foods or beverages specified in § 61.222(d) which the boarding officer (admeasurer) has reason to believe comes from a cholera-infected area, or any dog or cat subject to communicable disease surveillance restrictions under §§ 61.281, this subpart shall not render liable to detention, disinfection, or destruction any mail conveyed under the authority of the postal administration of the United States or of any other Government.

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§ 61.221 Applicability.

In addition to the requirements of §§ 61.192 through 61.201, the particular requirements prescribed in §§ 61.222 through 61.229 for persons, vessels, animals, and cargo shall be observed with respect to vessels which are subject to communicable disease surveillance inspection under § 61.171. The particular requirements of § 61.226 shall be observed irrespective of whether the vessels are subject to communicable disease surveillance inspection.

§ 61.222 Cholera; vessels and things.

(a) For the purpose of applying sanitary and quarantine measures against the spread of cholera:

(1) An infected vessel means a vessel which has on board on arrival a case of cholera-like diarrhea or on which a

case of cholera has occurred within 5 days prior to arrival.

(2) A suspected vessel means a vessel which has had on board during the voyage a severe case of cholera-like diarrhea more than 5 days prior to arrive.

(b) An infected or suspected vessel shall be detained in quarantine as may be necessary for the effective accomplishment of the applicable sanitary measures prescribed in this subpart.

(c) Personal effects and baggage of an infected person or suspect and any part of the infected or suspected vessel considered to be contaminated shall be disinfected. Bedding or linen, human ejecta, bilge water, waste matter or water, and matter considered to be contaminated may not be unloaded or discharged until it has been disinfected by the quarantine officer of the Government of Panama.

(d) On arrival of an infected or suspected vessel, or a vessel arriving from an infected area, the boarding officer (admeasurer) may prohibit entrance into Panama Canal waters of such vessel until arrangements have been made with the quarantine officer of the Government of Panama at the ports of Panama for evaluation of all fish, shellfish, fruit or vegetables to be consumed uncooked unless such food or beverages are in sealed containers. The quarantine officer of the port of Panama will also evaluate any such food or beverages that form part of the ship's stores.

(e) If the boarding officer (admeasurer) considers the water supply of a cholera infected or suspected vessel to be contaminated, he shall require the disinfection and removal of any water carried on board and if necessary the disinfection of the water system and of the water containers. The ship will be instructed not to dispose of any potentially contaminated water or feces into Canal waters.

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§ 61.223 Cholera; vessels; persons.

(a) Persons ill from cholera shall be isolated and immediate arrangements shall be made with the Quarantine Office of the Government of Panama for treatment of the person.